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Overview

There were a total of 74 crashes in October. This is a 19.4% increase from September's total of 62 total crashes. There were 3 fatal crashes during October resulting in a total of 4 people deceased. There were 2 crashes involving impaired drivers, which did not change from October of 2007. Of the 74 total crashes, 17 or 23% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in 5, or 29.41% of those crashes. Six of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Enforcement activity decreased by 19.4% as compared to September but increased 4.6% from the prior year. Speed violations decreased 172 citations or 11.6% from September. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 1.5% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations dramatically decreased 157 citations or 46.9% as compared to September. There were 23 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during October. This is a decrease of 15 or 39.5% compared to September, but it is an increase of 91.7% over the previous year.

Commercial vehicle inspections were down by 27.6% or 175 inspections from September. As such, enforcement activity decreased 22.2% from the prior month. There were 22 less safety violations written in October than in September. There was a 37.6% decrease in repair orders from September. There were 32 vehicles and 13 drivers placed, "out of service" in October. Both of these areas decreased from September's percentages. Traffic personnel conducted 306 inspections during the month, which is down by 30.0% or 131 inspections over September.

Front office personnel showed a decrease in arrest reports and incident reports processed. There was an increase in the accident reports processed as compared to the prior month. The evidence section showed decreases in new cases and new items submitted and an increase in items disposed. The Communications Center experienced decreases compared to September's radio transmissions and CAD incidents and a slight increase in telephone calls.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	October-08		October- 07	% Change		September-08	% Change
Total Crashes	74		95	-22.1%		62	19.4%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	49		66	-25.8%		42	16.7%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	22		26	-15.4%		17	29.4%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	3		3	0.0%		3	0.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	2		2	0.0%		2	0.0%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	3		3	0.0%		4	-25.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		1	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		2	-200.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	17		24	-29.2%		13	30.8%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	13		18	-27.8%		9	44.4%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	4		6	-33.3%		3	33.3%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 4.1%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 2.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 66.7%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Total crashes were up by 12 from September for a 19.5% increase. There were 21 fewer crashes than the previous year for a 22.1% decrease.
- There were 2 DUI crashes for the month of October which reflected no change from the previous month and previous year. Both BAC results are still pending.
- There were 3 fatal crashes in October, which reflected no change from the previous month and the previous year.

There were 17 accidents involving a commercial vehicle during October, which were a decrease of 7 crashes from the previous year and an increase of 4 over the prior month. The 17 accidents accounted for 23% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 17 crashes, 5 or 29.41% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were 7 crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Six of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80, the remaining 11 occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	October-08		October- 07	% Change		September-08	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	2		2	0.0%		2	0.0%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	24		12	100.0%		38	-36.8%
Other Arrests	125		99	26.3%		133	-6.0%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	64		41	56.1%		63	1.6%
Speed violations	1306		1382	-5.5%		1478	-11.6%
Hazardous moving violations	129		159	18.9%		131	-1.5%
Occupant restraint violations *	178		182	-2.2%		335	-46.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	2560		2447	4.6%		3175	-19.4%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	31		35	-11.4%		32	-3.1%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	15		15	0.0%		52	-71.2%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	459		627	-26.8%		634	-27.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		4	-400.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	77		132	-41.7%		99	-22.2%
Total safety violations -- repair order	537		834	-35.6%		861	-37.6%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	32		30	6.7%		39	-17.9%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	13		29	-55.2%		21	-38.1%
Total school buses inspected	2		4	-50.0%		35	-94.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		1	-100.0%
Total trucks weighed	1493		783	90.7%		519	187.7%
Total overweight citations	15		21	-28.6%		9	66.7%
Total dyed fuel inspections	436		588	-25.9%		613	-28.9%
Total dyed fuel citations	31		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations were down by 615 from the previous month for a decrease of 19.4%. Total violations increased 4.6% or 113 compared to the prior year. The region as a whole experienced an increase in man hours lost either due to training, annual leave, comp leave and sick leave. The Ely district also saw a 40% increase in traffic collisions from the previous month including one fatal traffic collision.
- Speed enforcement was down from the prior month by 172 violations for an 11.6% decrease. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 2 or 1.5%. Occupant restraint violations decreased dramatically from the previous month by 157 or 46.9%. The decrease in occupant restraint violations can be attributed to a total of 215 hours of overtime and 236 cited violations during

the Joining Forces seatbelt event which concluded on September 24, 2008. Of the 236 violations, 93 were for no occupant restraints.

- There were 24 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 36.8% decrease over September but this was a 100.0% increase over the same period last year. The average BAC for impaired drivers was .163%.
- Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 175 or 27.6% as compared to September. Inspections also decrease by 168 or 26.8% as compared to the previous year. Total violations were down by 37.6% as compared to September and a 35.6% decrease as compared to the previous year. There was a 22.2% decrease in cited safety violations as compared to September. There were 13 drivers and 32 vehicles placed out of service. The number of trucks weighed was dramatically up by 937 for a 187.7% increase as compared to the previous month.
- There were 1,493 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in October. Of the trucks weighed in October, 323 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 269 hours of directed enforcement.
- Several of the commercial enforcement and traffic personnel attended a one week Part "B" training in Elko.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
October-08	306	95	257	16	7	248	0
October-07	375	140	402	32	9	278	0
% Change	-18.4%	-32.1%	-36.1%	-50.0%	-22.2%	-10.8%	#DIV/0!

October-08	306	95	257	16	7	248	0
September-08	437	111	389	30	12	362	0
% Change	-30.0%	-14.4%	-33.9%	-46.7%	-41.7%	-31.5%	#DIV/0!

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 306 level 2/3 inspections during October. This was a decrease of 30.0% over the previous month and a decrease of 18.4% or 69 inspections over last year. There was a decrease in repair orders of 33.9% compared to the previous month. Ninety five (95) citations were issued for safety violations compared to 111 the previous month and 140 the previous year. Two hundred fifty seven (257) repair orders were written during the inspections with 7 vehicles and 16 drivers being placed "out of service." Both of these areas decreased by 22% or more over the prior month and prior year's totals.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	October-08		October-07	% Change		Sept-08	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	57224		60439	-5.3%		62314	-8.2%
CAD incidents	7638		8213	-7.0%		8972	-14.9%
Telephone Calls	7755		9012	-13.9%		7637	1.5%
Call Box Incidents	0		12	-1200.0%		0	0.0%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	86		112	-23.2%		54	59.3%
Arrest Reports Processed	48		63	-23.8%		99	-51.5%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	5		18	-72.2%		17	-70.6%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	320		164	95.1%		260	23.1%
Warrants Entered	247		154	60.4%		258	-4.3%
Warrants Cleared	194		333	-41.7%		190	2.1%
Warrants Validated	0		1412	141200.0%		0	0.0%
Extradition / Transports	7		4	75.0%		2	250.0%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	37		12	208.3%		47	-21.3%
New Items Submitted	154		37	316.2%		190	-18.9%
Items Disposed	62		0	6200.0%		24	158.3%

Contract Service overtime was 575.5 hours during 10 escorts totalling \$49,079.00.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Contract services were down from the previous month by \$42,099.00.
- Communications Center activity decreased from the previous month and previous year.
- The evidence section showed large increases in new cases and items disposed compared to the same period last year, but a slight decrease from the previous month.
- Front Office staff processed 59% more accident reports compared to the previous month however, processing arrest and incident reports declined from the previous month.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work process increased in warrants received by 23% from the previous month and warrants entered decreased slightly by 4.3% in the same comparison.

PERSONNEL

After a lengthy recruitment process, Deseret Cook was selected to the position of PSDIV. PSDIV Cook will be reporting to Central Command on November 17, 2008. The vacant PSDI positions have been opened and are expected to begin interviews on November 12, 2008 and November 13, 2008.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of October, trooper Stewart conducted driver safety speeches and presentations to local schools and the media. Trooper Stewart also compiled and provided accident statistics to Newmont Mining Safety personnel related to accident prevention. Additionally, Trooper Stewart participated in the Nevada Day Parade and the "Trick-or-Street" program.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 49.6 hours, completing 15 missions during the month of October. Both of these numbers are consistent with the previous month. Six speed enforcement missions were flown for the month. During the six speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	102
Hazardous	8
Non-Hazardous	16
Seat belt	0

The remaining missions consisted of one training mission, four prisoner transports and one property transport. Additionally, the aircraft was employed three times this month to assist the Nevada department of Transportation in construction zones with a history of speeding motorist's while workers were present. These missions were very productive and provided a positive impact on slowing traffic in the construction zones.

Five motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions. An additional six were assisted during line missions. The high speed for the month was silver sedan at a 95 mph in a 75 mph zone west of Winnemucca. Compared to last month the total flight time increased 1%, total enforcement activity is down 12% and motorist assists were down 27%. When compared to October 2007, flight time is up 33%, total enforcement activity is up 107% and motorist assists decreased 48%.